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CHINESE ARMS BALES TO IRAN IS THE MOST SUMMARY. DIFFICULT ISSUE HE HILL FACE DURING FOREIGH HIRISTER HU XUEGIAN'S VISIT TO HASHINGTON. HU HILL PRESS FOR A LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS. WE AGREE WITH REFTEL THAT THE CHINESE RESPONSES 7 OM THIS ISSUE HAVE BEEN MIXED BUT TO AN IMPORTANT DEGREE POSITIVE. THE CHINESE ASSERT -- AND PROBABLY BELIEVE -- THAT THEY HAVE ESSENTIALLY COMPLIED. GIVEN THE ANBIGUITIES OF ASSESSING CHINESE COMPLIANCE, HE SELIEVE HE SHOULD STRIKE A BALANCED POSTURE WITH WU ON THIS ISSUE. IT HILL BE prehature to return to business as usual. WHILE EXPRESS-ING APPRECIATION FOR CHINESE ASSURANCES THAT THEY HAVE IMPOSED STRICT HEAGURES TO PREVENT THE TRANSFER OF CHINESE SILKHORN MISSILES TO IRAN, HE SHOULD LEAVE HU

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WITH THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE STILL MATCHING.

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RE SHOULD STATE THAT IF THE SITUATION OLLOWS, HE HOPE
TO RESUME THE PROCESS OF LIBERALIZATION OF TECH TRANSFER
CONTROLS IN THE COMING MONTHS. HE SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE
TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF CHINESE COOPERATION IN
EMPORCING UM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 598.

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3. WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER HU XUEGIAN ARRIVES IN
HASHINGTON FIVE HEEKS FROM NOW, CHINESE ARMS SALES TO
IRAN IS CERTAINLY LIKELY TO BE THE MOST TROUBLESOME
ISSUE ON THE AGENDA. OUR HANDLING OF THIS ONE ISSUE
HILL HEAVILY INFLUENCE THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE
VISIT, BOTH SUBSTANTIVELY -- IN TERMS OF THE TRIP'S
OVERALL IMPACT ON SING-U.S. RELATIONS! AND POLITICALLY -IN SO FAR AS IT AFFECTS PERCEPTIONS OF THE SING-AMERICAN
RELATIONSHIP BY THE U.S., CHIMA AND OTHERS. ALTHOUGH

THE CHINESE SCORECARD

HE BELIEVE THE RECORD IS

HIXED BUT THAT THE CHINESE HAVE MADE SOME EFFORT TO

--HALT THE SUPPLY OF ANTI-MAYAL MISSILES TO IRAN, AS

HE HILL BE PREPARING AN OVERALL SCENESETTER FOR THE

SEPARATELY HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THE GULF ISSUE.

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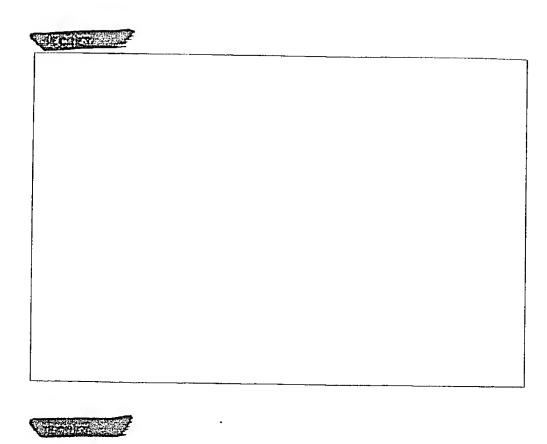
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HELL AS THE TRAINING AND SPARE PARTS NEEDED TO USE THEM!

--ENGURE THAT IRAM BOES NOT USE THE MISSILES IT ALREADY HAS AGAINST THE U.S. AND OTHER MOX-BELLIGERENTS;

--JOIN IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS ON MEASURES TO EMFORCE UNSC RESOLUTION 59%, INCLUDING AN ARMS EMBARGO







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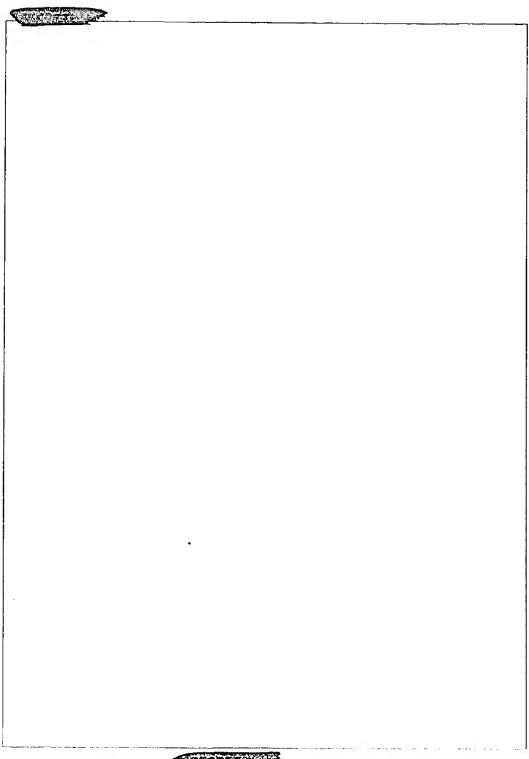
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THE CHINESE PERSPECTIVE

5. IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT, FROM THE CHINESE PERSPECTIVE, THEY PROBABLY BELIEVE WHAT THEY ASSERT: THAT THEY HAVE ESSENTIALLY COMPLIED WITH OUR REQUESTS,

SUFFICIENTLY AT LEAST TO SATISFY US AND REMOVE THE ISSUE AS A THORN IN OUR RELATIONS.

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11. FOREIGH HINISTER HU, FOR HIS PART, HILL ASK FOR -AND MAY EXPECT -- A POSITIVE U.S. RESPONSE TO WHAT BEIJIM
REGARDS AS CHINESE COMPLIANCE TO OUR BEHANDS. HE WILL
LIKELY REPEAT THE CHINESE REQUEST THAT HE LIFT THE
SUSPENSION ON A FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER EXPORT CONTROLS, PERHAPS NOTING THAT FOR SEVERAL
HONTHS THE CHINESE HAVE NOT DELIVERED SILKHORNS TO
THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. FOR OUR PART, HE SHOULD



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DEHONSTRATE APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITIVE STEPS THE CHINESE HAVE TAKEN, WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME IMPLYING THAT THE ISSUE IS BEHIND US, AS MUCH AS HE HISH IT HERE.

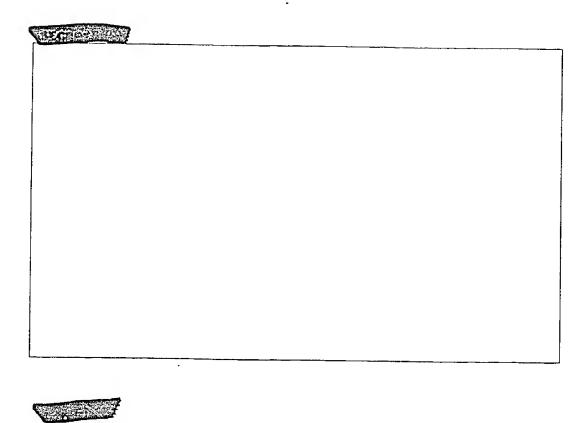
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